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SUBJECT: MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 2028

1. VOLTAN INTERIOR MINISTER LT COL GABRIEL SOME HELD
PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 2 DURING WHICH HE ANSWERED QUESTIONS ON
HIS RECENT VISIT TO MALI.

2. SOME STRESSED REESTABLISHMENT OF BROTHERLY RELATIONS
BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA AND GAVE DETAILS ON THE
ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION GIVEN TO HIM BY THE MALIAN AUTHORITIES.
HE CONFIRMED THAT MALIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE DOUKARA HAD
ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT UPPER VOLTA, AND EXPRESSED
OPINION THAT MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE WAS THING OF THE
PAST AND WOULD BE OFFICIALLY SETTLED IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. COMMENT: IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR DURING JULY 4
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RECEPTION, SOME SAID THAT, WHILE CLIMATE WAS NOW PROPITIOUS

FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF BORDER DISPUTE, THERE WERE STILL A
NUMBER OF VITAL POINTS TO BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. MALIANS WERE
PRESSING FOR SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN LAMIZANA AND TRAORE BUT
GOUV WOULD NOT AGREE TO HOLD SUCH MEETING UNTIL THESE
POINTS HAD BEEN CLARIFIED AND UNTIL MALIANS AGREED
TO ASSOCIATE LOME MEDIATION COMMISSION IN THE FINAL SETTLEMENT.
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